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COMMUNICATION

Attention is directed to the 6 mm limitation in the last line of claim 18.

In the case of using a self-locking bolt of such small diameter, it is convenient and usually done to form the internal thread in the lockable member for the mating claimed, rather than using a separate nut. In the case of using such a self-locking bolt having a small diameter, the self-locking bolt can fasten the lockable member without using a nut. In the case of not using a nut, there is no nut as in the cited Rieschick patent, for example, to provide or suggest a locking function that is, therefore, provided by the claimed bolt, instead.

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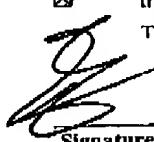
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Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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